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Mr. John Krause
Bureau of Indian Affairs Phoenix Area Office
U.S. Department of Interior
P.O. Box 10
Phoenix, AZ 85001

Re: Request for Comments on Work Plans for Characterization Submitted Per EPA's Order Requiring Monitoring, Testing, Analysis and Reporting for the Hecla Pond

Dear Mr. Krause:

EPA issued Hecla Mining Company an EPA Order pursuant to Section 3013 of RCRA on September 22, 1999. Pursuant to the terms of this Order, Hecla was required to submit two work plans for characterization of the soils and characterization of the runoff and leachate from the Hecla Pond located on land leased from the Shivwits Band.

We understand that you were transmitted copies of the submitted work plans by letter dated February 3, 2000. We request that you review these work plans and submit any comments which you may have no later than March 17, 2000, to Linda Jacobson of my staff at the following address:

Linda Jacobson U.S. EPA Region VIII 999 18th Street, Suite 500 Mail Code 8ENF-T Denver, CO 80202-2466

Please contact Ms. Jacobson directly at (303) 312-6503, if you have questions on this letter.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Kercher, Director Technical Enforcement Program